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[54] METHOD OF PREPARING FLUORO, NITRO, AND FLUORONITROALKYL DIFLUOROFORMALS

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7] ABSTRACT

A method of preparing difluoroformals of the formula

(RCH2O)2CF2.

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wherein R is —C(NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, —CF(NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, —CF<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>2</sub>), —C(NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, or a fluoroalkyl group such as —CF<sub>3</sub> or —CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, by reacting the corresponding dichloroformals with hydrogen fluoride in pyridine. These difluoroformals are useful as energetic explosive and propellant ingredients.

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